

KEEL BLOWN INWARD

Discovery Laid Before Maine Court of Inquiry.

BOARD TO LEAVE HAVANA AT ONCE.

Will Sail to Key West on the Mangrove and Continue Gathering Evidence There—Captain Sigbee Wires Secretary Long For Instructions.

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—In regard to the Maine disaster The Herald says this morning: There is no longer any reason to doubt that the explosion came from underneath the vessel in the statement in dispatches from a special correspondent in Havana, brought to Key West. The forward part of the keel of the Maine, with its ribs and plates, was stove upward so far that parts of the shattered double bottom show out of the water. This evidence, obtained by Ensign Powellson of the Fern, has convinced the one member of the court of inquiry who was inclined to give the accident theory the benefit of the doubt.

Operations of the divers, the dispatches also state, have shown that the boilers did not explode and that the excelsior used for packing in the 10-inch magazine is not even charred. These statements are based on information as authoritative as any in Havana, but The Herald desires to exonerate Ensign Powellson from all suspicion that he has violated the orders of the department sealing the lips of officers and seamen.

One of the prominent naval officers of the United States has informed the correspondent that no torpedo could have done the damage to the Maine and that it was undoubtedly a mine. A lead and line dropped from just forward of the conning tower would strike almost the spot where the explosion occurred. If there was a mine there it is hardly possible that anything will be left to show it. The explosion and the weight of the wrecked vessel would have combined to obliterate all traces of it. The wreck is settling into the mud at the rate of a foot a day, and the divers are working waist deep in the mud.

In reports to the state department, the same paper says, Consul General Lee, in Cuba, had expressed the opinion that the disaster to the Maine was not the result of an accident. The administration now believes this, and there are no signs that President McKinley will shrink responsibility when a crisis is reached, but will hold Spain responsible if the cause of the disaster was outside the ship.

Orders have been given by the navy department for the enlistment of an unlimited number of able bodied seamen, and the department yesterday contracted for an additional supply of guns for arming auxiliary cruisers. The additional seamen are required for the gunnery training ship Lancaster, the cadet training ship Monongahela, the dispatch boat Dolphin and the training ship Alliance. Assistant Secretary of the Navy Roosevelt has sent instructions to the naval militia organizations in all parts of the country calling for information as to the number of small steam vessels which would be useful if they were needed.

Additional strength for the United States navy, in case of an emergency, might be obtained through the purchase of ships under construction for weaker nations and now nearing completion. Five warships are being built in Europe for China, and the highest bidder might purchase them. Other vessels intended for South American countries might also be obtained. There was a successful test of the Holland submarine torpedo boat yesterday, and government officials were somewhat uneasy, fearing that if the Cubans had control of her, as had been reported, she might do some harm to the Vizcaya. Search was made for the Holland by a navy tug and the Erie, the submarine craft's tug, was searched for filibusters.

Much uneasiness was felt in Wall street, and there was a sharp decline in stocks immediately after the opening of the exchange, which was followed, however, by a recovery. The weakness extended to government bonds.

Major General Merritt was in secret conference with the officers of Fort McPherson at Atlanta last night, and it is expected that eight of the ten companies of the Fifth Infantry will be ordered immediately to the seaboard, two companies going to each of the following cities: Charleston, Savannah, Brunswick and Key West.

An order was received at the fort for the immediate testing of all guns and a quick report of ammunition on hand. There is now at the post sufficient ammunition to supply each man in the regiment with 400 rounds, and there is a supply of 50,000 rounds for the galling guns. Unless a hitch comes, which is improbable, the artillery increase bill will pass the house of representatives on Saturday and will probably be signed on Monday. Then the enlistment of men will begin.

TELEGRAMS FROM SIGSBEE.

He Asks For Instructions and Says More Bodies Have Been Found.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—Rumors of startling discoveries in the wreck of the Maine were less frequent, but there were enough of them still afloat to warrant Secretary Long in making this statement to the newspaper men as he left his office: "Summing up the situation, I should say that the navy department knows nothing more about the cause of the disaster than it did five minutes after the receipt of the first dispatch from Captain Sigbee."

Until the conclusion of the investigation of the court of inquiry at Havana, the principal business of the navy department in connection with the Maine will relate to the conduct of the wrecking operations. Captain Lenny, the judge advocate general, who has this branch of the work immediately in

LYNCING CARNIVAL

Kentucky Towns In a State of Great Excitement.

NO MERCY SHOWN TO BAD NEGROES.

Poses at Work Hunting Down Criminals. Summary Execution of Would Be Murderer—Undesirable Characters Told to Leave Town.

PADUCAH, Ky., Feb. 25.—For the third time in as many years the big mob tree in the public square at Mayfield, Ky., has borne human fruit. When daylight came yesterday the limb which twice before has swayed under the weight of a dead negro bore the corpse of Richard Allen swinging in the chilly morning breeze. He had died the death meted out by a midnight mob.

Although the mob which swung up Allen went about its work without a shot and with hardly an oath, he perished more miserably than if he had been drawn and quartered. The executioners forgot to tie his limbs, and when he was pulled off his feet the negro grasped the rope above his head and drew himself up until the strain on his neck was relieved.

This occurred twice before a cord could be found that would hold his wrists. All the time the negro was begging and praying for mercy, and finally he asked to be shot. It was nearly half an hour before death ended his sufferings.

Mayfield is a good town, as southern towns go, for good negroes, but a bad town for bad negroes. Allen was a bad negro, and his case is an example. That for which he died was not merely the robbing of a residence, but the attempted murder of the head of the household. A series of criminal deeds by the negroes who infest the place had so aroused the citizens of Mayfield and Graves county that popular opinion demanded a speedy display of homemade justice, both as a punishment to the chief and an example to the lesser offenders.

But worse is to come. It is believed that Bob Blanks, the mulatto chief of the gang, is located. When captured, he will be burned with irons and then burned at the stake. Determined citizens have banded themselves together to send Blanks to his death in such a fashion as will warn his race hereabout against the deed which in Kentucky means death.

Other lynchings are in prospect also. Will-Tutt, a negro who killed his wife, may be dragged from jail at any moment by a mob, while the accomplices of Allen are being hunted across country. Some of them may be lynched very soon.

Only last week the vicious country negroes around Mayfield were treated to a taste of homemade justice. One was soundly flogged, while the house of another was riddled with bullets. A third objectionable black was tied up at Pottsville, a village between Mayfield and Paducah, yesterday afternoon and terribly whipped. A warning to five blacks to leave was suspended from Allen's corpse, and they obeyed the summons within two hours.

Victim of Pepper Thrower.

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Feb. 25.—Miss Ellen Cullen is the victim of a red pepper thrower. The young woman was going toward her home in the east end of the city, when, in Seaview avenue, a man with a black mask stepped from behind a tree and threw a handful of pepper into her eyes. She was temporarily blinded, but will recover her sight. There is no clew to the miscreant.

Jere Manchester Sentenced.

TAUNTON, Mass., Feb. 25.—Jere Manchester of Fall River pleaded guilty to manslaughter in the superior court here and was sentenced to a term of not less than six nor more than eight years in state prison. Manchester was charged with killing Leon Tripp of Westport during a quarrel over a woman on the Westport road, near Fall River, last summer.

His Imprisonment May Be Long.

CHICAGO, Feb. 25.—William O. Moody, bookkeeper and cashier of Dunlop Bros., bankers, pleaded guilty to the embezzlement of \$25,000 of the funds of the Oak Park Building and Loan association and \$2,747 from Dunlop Bros. He was sentenced to an indeterminate term in the penitentiary. Moody was prominent in church and social circles.

A Colonelcy For O'Grady.

ALBANY, Feb. 25.—Colonel is the latest title that has been given officially to the Hon. James M. E. O'Grady of Rochester, speaker of the assembly. Speaker O'Grady has received this title by being appointed by Adjutant General Tillinghast as an assistant adjutant general. The position carries with it the rank of colonel.

Dr. McGonagle Dead.

SING SING, Feb. 25.—Dr. Henry G. McGonagle has died in Sing Sing prison hospital. Dr. McGonagle was sentenced to 14 years in prison on Oct. 15, 1890, for manslaughter in the first degree for causing the death of Annie Goodwin in New York city by malpractice. For four years he had been in the hospital.

Could Not Bear Disgrace.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—Pay Direct, or L. G. Billings, general inspector of the pay corps, who was recently sentenced to dismissal from the navy by a naval court, has just recovered from the effects of an overdose of morphine, taken, it is said, with suicidal intent.

Top Wounds on Strike.

ASHLAND, N. H., Feb. 25.—Twenty-five top hands employed by the Ashland Knitting company left their work at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, after making a demand for better wages.

SPAIN WANTS PEACE

So Says De Lome In an Interview at Queenstown.

A STORY CONCERNING PAUNCEFOTE.

London Daily Says Efforts Are Being Made to Obtain Letters Written by Him in a Similar Strain to De Lome's.

QUEENSTOWN, Feb. 25.—Senor Dupuy de Lome, former Spanish minister at Washington, who was a passenger on the White Star steamer Britannic from New York, which touched here at 7 o'clock last evening on her way to Liverpool, was interviewed with reference to the disaster to the United States warship Maine in Havana harbor.

Senor de Lome said he could only repeat his expression of deep regret and that he knew it was quite impossible for Spaniards to view it in any other light. Spaniards, he declared, wanted peace and not war. He had many friends among the officers of the Maine, and he loved them and America. "Whatever the cause of the accident," said Senor de Lome, "it could never have been due to the agency of the Spanish people."

The London Daily Mail this morning alleges that attempts have been made by newspapers in London and New York to obtain some letters that the British ambassador to the United States, Sir Julian Pauncefote, is supposed to have written containing strong expressions regarding the American senate's rejection of the arbitration treaty.

The idea, according to The Daily Mail, was to compel Sir Julian to follow Senor Dupuy de Lome. The paper adds: "The campaign failed, but it is evident that Sir Julian Pauncefote will have to tread warily."

OTHER FOREIGN NEWS.

South African Affairs.

LONDON, Feb. 25.—The secretary of state for the colonies, Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, as set forth in a parliamentary paper just issued, proposes among other things, that in future the differences between the British South Africa company and the natives must be submitted to the secretary of state, whose decision will be binding. The government of Cape Colony has approved Mr. Chamberlain's proposals, regarding them as clearing the way for self government and the probable eventual federal union of the Cape.

Zola's Counsel Appeals.

PARIS, Feb. 25.—Maitre Labori, counsel for M. Emile Zola, has lodged a notice of appeal on behalf of M. Zola from the sentence imposed upon him of one year's imprisonment and a fine of 3,000 francs. A similar notice has also been filed in the case of M. Perreux, nominal director of The Aurore, in which the alleged libel for which Zola was indicted appeared.

Expects to Settle West African Troubles.

LONDON, Feb. 25.—In reply to a question in the house of commons as to the west African situation, Mr. Chamberlain said he expected a friendly and satisfactory settlement, but under the agreement with France he could not give details until the negotiations in Paris were ended.

The Chinese Loan.

LONDON, Feb. 25.—Half the Chinese loan, amounting to \$40,000,000, was fully underwritten yesterday afternoon. Some of the applications had to be rejected. The issue price is 90, and the interest from the loan is 4 1/2 per cent. It will be offered publicly a week hence.

Bulgarians Urged to Revolt.

PHILIPPOLIS, Bulgaria, Feb. 25.—A secret proclamation just issued by the Macedonian revolutionary committee calls upon the people to join in an insurrection this spring.

A Victim of Appendicitis.

NYACK, N. Y., Feb. 25.—William R. Brush, a prominent resident of this city, died yesterday of appendicitis. He lived only four hours after an operation had been performed. Mr. Brush was assistant superintendent of the Worthington Pump company of New York. He is survived by his widow, a daughter of the late General Abram Merritt, once department commander of the G. A. R. of New York state.

West Wins His Fight.

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Feb. 25.—At the Murphy-West fight here last night the decision was awarded to West in the seventeenth round. Murphy was groggy, and had the fight continued for another round he would have been knocked out. The Hannigan-O'Brien fight was declared a draw at the end of the fifteenth round. About 2,000 people were present.

Officers For Trotting Association.

SYRACUSE, Feb. 25.—At the meeting of the Central New York Trotting association L. M. Cafferty of Binghamton was elected president and Theodore Coleman of Elmira secretary. Amsterdam, Newark, Patavia and Utica applied for membership. Utica and Newark may be accepted. The question of dates is now being considered.

Von der Ahe Out of Jail.

PITTSBURG, Feb. 25.—Late yesterday afternoon Chris Von der Ahe was released from jail, the Mercantile Trust company giving bond in \$1,000. The National League authorized the bond and will indemnify the Trust company should the ball be forfeited.

Here's a Chance For Doctors.

ALBANY, Feb. 25.—The state civil service commission will hold an open competitive examination for merit at Auburn on March 19 for the position of physician at Auburn prison. The post-test pay is \$300 per annum.

THE BAKER CASE.

Another Inspector Sent to Inquire Into Negro Postmaster's Murder.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—The post-office department has directed Inspector Williams, at Chattanooga, to detail another inspector to proceed to Lake City, S. C., to assist Mr. Moye, who arrived there Wednesday night to conduct the investigation into the murder of Postmaster Baker and the burning of the postoffice.

A singular coincidence in the case of Baker is that on Feb. 21, the day of the night on which he was murdered, he wrote a letter to the postoffice department saying that his life had been threatened and asking that the government extend some protection to him.

A dispatch has been received from Inspector Moye at Lake City saying that he was pursuing the investigation directed by the department. There was no clew to the perpetrators, and no part of the postoffice property had been recovered. The coroner's jury which is investigating the crime had adjourned until 12 o'clock Saturday.

CONDENSED DISPATCHES.

The German warship Deutschland arrived at Singapore, and Prince Henry of Prussia landed.

James Vincent Cleary, archbishop of the Roman Catholic diocese of Kingston, died at Kingston, Ont.

The postoffice department will have a rural-free-delivery system in operation in New Jersey about March 14 next.

A schooner from Gloucester, Mass., has arrived at San Francisco with a party bound for the Klondike. The trip took 129 days.

Passed Assistant Surgeon T. B. Bailey, U. S. N., was found dead in a hotel in Washington, evidently the victim of self destruction.

After a discussion of the conviction of Zola the chamber of deputies at Paris voted confidence in the government by 416 yeas to 41 nays.

Indian Head, a familiar point of the lower Palisades, will be destroyed next week by an explosion of 100,000 pounds of giant powder and dynamite.

The St. James' Gazette in London reports that an operation will soon be performed on Mr. Gladstone to alleviate the pain caused by necrosis of the bone of the nose.

It has been announced by a Mexican paper that Thomas A. Edison and an English syndicate have purchased the Ortiz grant, in South Santa Fe county, for \$1,500,000.

Dying From Creeping Paralysis.

WATERVILLE, Me., Feb. 25.—Professor W. A. Rogers, who for the past 11 years presided over the department of physics at Colby university, is dying from creeping paralysis. Professor Rogers had accepted the Babcock professorship of Alford university, New York, and was to have gone there March 1. From investigations supplied Harvard university and an X ray machine Professor Rogers was known throughout the United States.

Buckland Ordered to Washington.

NEW HAVEN, Feb. 25.—In response to orders from the secretary of the navy, E. G. Buckland, who commands the naval battalion of Connecticut, went to Washington yesterday. The order received read as follows: "Commander Buckland of the Wyandotte will report to the navy department at Washington on Friday."

Amasa Trowbridge, chief engineer of the engineers' division of the naval battalion, has received orders from the United States navy department to oversee the work of preparing for the department a complete list of the carrying vessels of Long Island sound.

For Benefit of Sailors' Families.

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—Nearly \$4,000 was realized from the sale of boxes and seats for the performance to be given at the Metropolitan Opera House for the benefit of the families of the sailors and marines killed in the Maine disaster. Chauncey M. Depew made an address that added to the enthusiasm at the sale.

Asks Survivors Call on English Consul.

BOSTON, Feb. 25.—The three survivors of the crew of the British ship Asia, which was wrecked off Nantucket Monday morning, have called at the English consulate and told their story of the loss of the ill fated vessel. All three men showed the effects of their experience, which has cost the lives of 18 others aboard the ship. The men were furnished with clothing and will be taken care of until they decide where they wish to be sent.

He Set Type With Greeley.

FALL RIVER, Mass., Feb. 25.—Jeremiah Gray of Swansea is dead, aged 80 years. Mr. Gray was a printer and for many years worked side by side with Horace Greeley at the printer's case. After leaving The Tribune Mr. Gray went to California. Later he was employed in the treasury department at Washington.

Accused of Treasonable Utterances.

KINGSTON, N. Y., Feb. 25.—Father Weber, assistant priest of St. Peter's German Catholic church, is alleged to have insulted the American flag and nation at a funeral. He also, it is said, made reflections on the Knights of St. John and said Catholics should fight for Spain if there is war.

To Try and End the Strike.

BOSTON, Feb. 25.—The state board of arbitration went to New Bedford today at the invitation of the arbitration committee of the city council and the mayor to again attempt a settlement of existing differences.

Postmasters Appointed.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—Fourth class postmasters have been appointed at following: Pennsylvania—Sturgeon D. Allison, New York—Calvin Charles W. Baker, Stafford Belle D. Sanders, Wm. Lotze Fargo.

THE BOUTELLE BILL.

Introduced For Relief of the Maine's Victims' Families.

ITS PASSAGE IS TO BE EXPEDITED.

Unsuccessful Attempt in House to Increase Fund For Suppressing Epidemic Diseases—Senator Allen's Belligerent Resolution Withdrawn.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—The house devoted itself strictly to business yesterday and disposed of 30 additional pages of the sundry civil appropriation bill. An unsuccessful attempt to increase the appropriation for the suppression of epidemic diseases by \$200,000 led to considerable debate on the advisability of establishing a national quarantine. The fact that the government is preparing for contingencies was recognized in the house when Chairman Cannon, who has been laboring to keep down appropriations, accepted without a word of protest an amendment to increase the appropriation to care for the unused machinery at the Springfield arsenal.

Mr. Gillett explained that necessity for using this machinery might occur at any time. Resolutions which were objected to a few weeks ago for the appointment of two ex-naval cadets to positions in the engineer corps of the navy were also adopted. One of them will fill the vacancy caused by the death of Lieutenant Merritt of the Maine.

Representative Boutelle of Maine, chairman of the house committee on naval affairs, introduced a bill late yesterday afternoon providing for the relief of the victims of the United States battleship Maine. It follows generally the lines of the Samoan disaster relief bill of 1890 and is the result of several days' conferences in committee and embodies the views of the administration. Chairman Boutelle had a conference with President McKinley, at which he went over with him the proposed legislation and later submitted the measure at an informal meeting of some of the committee. It will be referred back to the committee, immediately acted on there and its passage by congress expedited.

The following bill was introduced by Mr. Barrett of Massachusetts: Authorizing the navy to place the frigate Constitution, now lying at the Boston navy yard, as far as possible in the same condition as to hull and rigging as when in active service, provided necessary money be raised by the Society of the Daughters of the War of 1812.

Spooner Befriends Corbett.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—A feature of the senate session was the speech of Mr. Spooner of Wisconsin on the right of Henry W. Corbett to a seat in the senate from Oregon under appointment of the governor. Mr. Spooner made a constitutional argument in favor of seating Mr. Corbett and had not concluded when the senate adjourned.

An effort was made to obtain consideration of the Alaska homestead and railway right of way bill, but on a parliamentary technicality it went over. The resolution offered by Mr. Allen of Nebraska to appoint a committee of five senators to investigate the Cuban situation was withdrawn by its author when it was laid before the senate.

Mr. Allen said that, being satisfied from the vote on his amendment Wednesday that the fate of his resolution was quite well sealed, he would withdraw it from further consideration by the senate.

The Lattimer Trial.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Feb. 25.—The defense continues to produce evidence tending to show that men and women were terrorized by the strikers, who threatened and assailed them. Witnesses swore they were compelled to march with the strikers. An Italian fruit peddler testified they robbed him. Allen Weir, manager of the company store at Jeannville, and Superintendent McFarlane said the McAdoo strikers held the whole community in awe.

Charged With Counterfeiting.

BAITIMORE, Feb. 25.—John Krause, a German, 76 years old, has been arrested, charged with manufacturing and issuing counterfeit coins. A complete set of dies was found in his room, and a large quantity of spurious 25 cent and 5 cent coins was secured. Six months ago Krause's wife was arrested and convicted of passing counterfeit coin and is serving a sentence in the penitentiary.

School Superintendents Elect Officers.

CHATTANOOGA, Feb. 25.—At yesterday's session of the Department of Superintendents' National Educational association the following officers for the ensuing year were elected. President, E. H. Marks, Louisville; first vice president, G. S. Conley, Boston; second vice president, A. L. Barnett, Chattanooga; secretary, J. H. Van Syckle, Denver.

His Wife Urged Him to Murder.

DOYLESTOWN, Pa., Feb. 25.—Adam Weaver, urged on by his wife, shot and killed Erwin Mondeau, a deputy constable, and Constable Atherholt, who were trying to arrest him on a charge of burglary. Weaver and his wife escaped to the woods and their five children also disappeared. The whole community is aroused.

On Trial For Manslaughter.

BOSTON, Feb. 25.—In the superior criminal court yesterday James L. Gordon was put on trial on a charge of manslaughter in causing the death of Joseph W. Towle on Jan. 12 at the latter's home. The men had a dispute about some machinery, which resulted in Gordon shooting Towle.

Married to His Death.

NASHUA, N. H., Feb. 25.—John Little was killed at the iron and steel works by being caught in a shafting and hurled against the floor.

BUSINESS CARRIES.

EDWIN S. MERRILL, Attorney at Law, Rooms 8 and 9 Times Building, King street, near North, opposite office of Water Commissioners.

A. M. AMBLER repairs watches, clocks and jewelry at lowest prices. Also a complete stock of watches and jewelry at lowest prices. No. 50 North street, Middletown.

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JEROME FOLLETT, Piano and Organ Tuner. Fine tone and action guaranteed. A specialty. All work guaranteed. Orders left at T. B. Dayton's Real Estate Agency, Room 1, Stern's Building North St., Middletown, N. Y. 32d & 15Au29

CHARLES J. EVERSON, successor to William W. Reeve, Surveyor and Civil Engineer, of No. 5 King street, Middletown.

J. W. WORCESTER, M. D., late of New York City. Fine Dentistry in all its branches. In part in the use of gas and extraction. 37 NORTH ST., Middletown, N. Y.

DILL & COX, Attorneys and Counsellors at Law, office No. 3 South street, Middletown, N. Y., attend to all kinds of law business.

HENRY C. McBRATIN, D. D. S. Gas administered. Office over Savings Bank, Middle town, N. Y.

MOCCASINS FOR KLONDIKERS.

A Large Demand for Them Has Been Created.

As a result of the movement toward Alaska, the leather dealers report great activity in the manufacture and sale of the "yellow-legged moccasins." The government, says the Milwaukee Wisconsin, has recently ordered large supplies of these articles for troops who are to be sent to the gold fields of Alaska. It is declared that no other footwear would suit the soldiers so well, because the moccasin is the warmest clothing for the foot in the world, and easier than a silken sandal. The manufacture of moccasins in shoe factories began away back in 1851, and the business grew rapidly, until at one time soon after the war there were four large factories and several smaller ones, employing about 600 hands and turning out hundreds of thousands of pairs of moccasins every year. The moccasin is made of common leather, as a rule, tanned in a peculiar way. Salt and alum are used in the process. This makes the leather soft and pliable, and there is a way in which, at some additional expense, it may be made waterproof. The secret of the process is known to only a few, and the tanning is carried on for the most part in Rhode Island. Leather thus tanned was first used for mill belting, and it was years before it was discovered that it was good for boots and shoes of the easy and bulky kind fit for lumbermen, who like to wear two or three pairs of stockings when they go into the woods and start on a three months' campaign with snow. The original moccasin was a baggy and unsightly thing, but now they have some pretense to symmetry and style.

SAID BAD THINGS OF BARNEY.

Barneo Hired a Man to Make Clippings About Him from Newspapers.

It is said that when Mr. Barney Barnato gave a picnic at the opening of the Johannesburg waterworks he related an incident that had happened to him in London some time before. A seedy-looking man, describing himself as a journalist, called on him one day, says the Westminster Budget, and offered to cut out from papers, etc., all the complimentary things said about Mr. Barnato. The genial man of millions saw that the man was "down on his luck," and engaged him on the spot at a salary of £15 per month. This was quite characteristic of "Barney's" sudden and irresponsible freaks. At the end of six months the man, who had been paid monthly, again called on Mr. Barnato and presented a huge bundle of clippings from newspapers, asking whether he should continue the work. "No," replied Barney, "but I will engage you for six months at the same salary to cut out all the nasty things you can find said about me." Another six months elapsed, and once more the indefatigable paper-clipper turned up and reported his work to be finished. "Well," asked Barney, "where are the results of your work?" Here Barney assumed his gravest aspect as he repeated the man's reply: "I have not been able to bring them in; there are two cart-loads outside!"

TRYING A PEW.

Some Women Make a Practice of This and Keep It Up.

"One of the things we have to contend with," said a trustee of a prominent church, "is the woman who wants to 'try' a pew before renting it. Now, we have no desire to force anyone to sit where she does not want to, or still more to sit in an undesirable pew, and we are always willing that a newcomer should test for herself the desirability of any new pew before she decides to rent it. But when it comes to half a dozen 'tests' of the same pew, only to declare that she doesn't like it, and followed by a half dozen more 'tests,' each of half a dozen different locations, it is tiresome, to say the least, and one becomes suspicious of the woman's intentions. Yet that is what, well—more women than I should care to name make a practice of doing. They will come here, and with the greatest show of interest and enthusiasm will consult with one in authority about taking a pew. Before deciding upon one they wish to 'try' it, however, and by the process above described they go on and 'try' others. Such women sometimes succeed in thus getting a free sitting in the church for a whole year."

An Impractical Scientist.

A new story is going the rounds at the expense of a well-known scientist of Philadelphia, says the Record, who has made a specialty of the study of physics, and whose inventions are known from one end of the country to the other. It seems that he recently purchased a barrel of pippin cider, and had it sent up to his residence, where he proceeded to tap it. The spigot used was in good working order, but for some reason, unknown to the scientist, the cider refused to flow. He tilted the barrel up, poked wires through the open spigot to make sure it was all right, and pattered around for a couple of hours without satisfactory results. Then he gave up the job in disgust and sent for a man from whom he had bought the apple juice. "This infernal cider must be as thick as paste," he said, when the expert arrived. "I can't get a drop of it to run out." The visitor examined the barrel for a moment, and quietly smiled. "Of course you can't, professor," he said. "You've forgotten to make an air-hole in the bung so that the air can get in as the cider flows out."

Fogier Than London.

Esquimaux, in British North America, is the only place in the British empire, according to a recent climatological report, that exceeds London in cloudiness. Esquimaux is also the dampest place in the empire, while Adelaide, in Australia, is the driest. Carleton is the hottest and north-west Canada the coldest possession that the flag of England floats over.

AN OLD PENNSYLVANIA TOWN.

Purchased from William Penn Two Hundred Years Ago.

Two hundred years ago Gwynedd township, in Montgomery county, was purchased from William Penn and settled by a company of fifteen men from Wales. There is at present a strong agitation among prominent people of the township, numbers of them direct descendants of these original settlers, to commemorate the bicentennial of this event and the movement, without doubt, will be successful, says the Buffalo Commercial.

William John and Thomas Evans, two of the company of settlers, came to this country previous to the arrival of the other members, and selected the ground for the settlement, as was the custom of the Welsh settlers. In March, 1698, the ground which they selected, 11,449 acres, was purchased by the company, and in April they sailed from Liverpool, reaching Philadelphia in July. It is supposed that about November they occupied their lands.

It was in 1700 that the first meeting-house was built at Gwynedd on the site of the present structure. In 1701 William Penn visited Gwynedd. A second meeting-house was built in 1712 and two years later the first monthly meeting was established.

Five years later a Baptist church was organized at Montgomery, and in 1734 the Schwenkfelders arrived and settled in the upper end of Montgomery county, and in 1740 Boehm's Reformed church, at Blue Bell, was built. At the latter church but recently the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the formation of the first synod of the church in the United States was celebrated. The present meeting-house of the Friends, which is the third, was built in 1823.

IN THE STEERAGE.

Human Nature Grows Very Brutal in Its Aspect.

H. Phelps Whitmarsh writes of "The Steerage of To-day" in Century. Mr. Whitmarsh, who crossed the ocean in the steerage himself, says: "To me the most noticeable thing about the life was the ease with which the yoke of civilization was thrown off. If conditions be favorable, I opine that a large proportion of the steerage passengers throw back to their Darwinian ancestry about the third day out. Away from home, country, and religious influences, unrestrained by custom and conventionality, bound by no laws of action, and separated from all that force of opinion so strong in the world ashore, they let themselves go, and allow their baser natures to run riot. No sooner has the seasickness left them than they growl and snarl over their food like dogs, scrambling for the choice pieces, and running off to their bunks with them; they grow quarrelsome; their talk is lewd and insulting; brute strength is in the ascendant; and, without shame, both sexes show the animal side of their natures. But most apparent and obnoxious are the filthy habits into which many of them fall. The sea seems utterly to demoralize them. Some of them will remain for days in their berths, where, without changing their clothes, they eat, sleep, and are sick with the utmost impartiality, and without the blessing of soap and water. Hence the seerage as a whole, the 'married quarters' (where there were children) in particular, was ill-smelling and otherwise objectionable."

THE GIRL IN BUSINESS.

She Should Not Accept Gifts Nor Social Recognition from Employer.

"You may meet your employer socially," writes Ruth Ashmore, in an article on "The Business Girl and Her Employer," in Ladies' Home Journal, "but during the hours that you are in the office you are employed by him, and you have no right to claim, and he has no right to ask, any social recognition. You can always be polite; you need not be hard-hearted, and there can be, without harm, an exchange of pleasant words. But during business hours there is wisdom in attending to your business and doing nothing else. Your self-respect should not allow you to be free in your manner with the different clerks who are your companions, and you should be wise enough not to have a confidante in the office."

"No matter who your employer is, you cannot afford to accept luncheons, drives, flowers, or any special social recognition from him. I do not mean that all men are bad. Again, I thank God there are thousands of good men, but masculine human nature is weak, and when things have gone wrong at home there is an immense satisfaction to the average man in getting a sweet sympathy, which he probably does not deserve, from a pretty, charming girl who believes in him. But you are hired to work, not to cater to the emotions of your employer, and when you are doing your work faithfully you are doing all that you are paid for."

Comets to Appear.

The London Globe says that a number of comets will appear in the skies during the year 1898. The Pons Winnecke comet should open the list by appearing in April, after an absence of about 5½ years. In May the celebrated Encke comet is due. This comet has a period of only 3½ years, and its frequent reappearance has been the means of astronomers discovering a great deal about comets and their wanderings through space. In June we should have two of these cosmical visitors—Swift's and Wolfe's comets—the former after an absence of six years and the latter a trifle longer. Temple's comet completes the visitors' list by arriving in September. These comets are all regular visitors, whose periods are so well known that their arrivals may be timed almost to the hour.

Strength of Spiders.

Naturalists say that, in proportion to their size, spiders are seven times as strong as lions.



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Is a matter of all days—not of any day in particular. It is never spasmodic, nor even intermittent, yet in the course of things there come certain times when extraordinary movements concentrate, such days are now here. "Sensational" is a word at present somewhat distorted in meaning, therefore to be used with caution. Yet no other word will describe the general character of our announcement for this week.

Remember on April 1st We Will Move to 35 North St., in the Store Now Occupied by Mr. Geo. B. Adams.

We must reduce our stock as low as possible before moving day, hence these sensational prices for this week.

Sensational Sale of Dress Goods!

All new goods just unpacked. They were bought before we made the deal with Mr. Adams, to be delivered March 1st. They are here now, and should be sold at the usual profits, but our removal sale is on. We don't want to move them into our new quarters, so all profits must go to the winds. They are superb things, these new dress fabrics. Of course they are exclusive too. Your chance to buy a New Dress is this week at Tompkins'.

10 CTS. A YARD.	New Maird and Fancy Dress Goods should be 15c.	50 CTS. EACH.	This corset is made of strong jean, eaten strips, full boned bust, and should have been marked 75c.	AT 8c.	Skirt Canvas, worth 12½c.	
25 CTS. A YARD.	Fancy Worsted Suitings, bought to sell for 35c a yard.	75 CTS. EACH.	This corset is well made, correct shape, boned bust, silk flossing and embroidery white or drab. It is a \$1 corset.	AT 10c.	Linen Duck Canvas, worth 15c.	
35 CTS. A YARD.	Mixed Tweed Suitings, forty pieces in this lot, in complete assortment of new spring colorings, suitable for street wear, stylish and nobby effects. They should have been 55c.	SENSATIONAL REMOVAL SALE OF DRESS GOODS. A LIST OF BARGAINS.	The destructive character of special offerings is that, however low the prices, the goods have merit. This business is growing rapidly on this principle. The splendid prospect shall not be clouded by a surrender of that principle. The common way of disregarding quality, provided only that the price is low, is not to be had here. Remember THAT and study the following:	AT 15c.	Best grade of 25c Linen Duck Canvas	
50 CTS. A YARD.	Sensational price. Fifty new pieces of Dress Goods. This lot consists of elegant granate cloth in new colorings. Illuminated Scotch Fable Cloth in a beautiful assortment of colorings. Cheviots in black and navy blue, and many of the newest novelties. These goods should have brought 75c a yard.	Remember THAT and study the following:	AT 3¼c.	Light Ground Calicoes, the best made. 5c is the regular price.	AT 32c.	24-inch Genuine Hair Cloth.
75 CTS. A YARD.	Elegant Granate Cloth in the latest coloring. Black Serge, Crepons and Henriettes. These all should have been \$1.00.	EVERY In our store news is to be taken seriously. Make no allowances for metaphor nor for the enthusiasm of the advertiser. The day's story may not invariably interest you, but you may and shall invariably believe it. News to be profitable must first be reliable. There shall never be any doubt of ours in either regard.	AT 4c.	Best Indigo Blue Calicoes.	SENSATIONAL REMOVAL SALE OF LINENS, PILLOW CASES AND SHEETS.	The price paring effect is very prominently apparent in such a case as this. We give you finished goods, goods with a good deal of work on them, at a lower price than you would have to pay for the material alone. These prices are peculiarly Tompkins'. See if you can get so far under cost of materials elsewhere.
25 CTS. EACH.	This corset is well made of strong jean, regular lengths, 5 boned bust, wide stem and clasps, corded bust, bought to sell for 35c.	A CORSET About 300 new Corsets, bought at wholesale, on sale, this week, on account of our removal at a third off their prices.	AT 4½c.	Best Apron Check Gingham.	BLEACHED 28x45 inches, made and hemmed, ready for use, 2c each.	
35 CTS. EACH.	This corset is made of strong jean, corded bust, side steel, medium length. Price should have been 55c.	REMOVAL SALE OF LINENS. Extraordinary values that mean money saving. Chances for thrifty shoppers.	AT 5c.	Good Outing Flannel, elsewhere 10c.	BLEACHED Made and hemmed, 31x20 inches, 35c each.	
50 CTS. EACH.	This corset is well made of strong jean, regular lengths, 5 boned bust, wide stem and clasps, corded bust, bought to sell for 75c.	AT 5½c.	Good Outing Flannel, elsewhere 10c.	AT 4½c.	Best Black and Silver Grey Calico.	TABLE LINEN. Cream Damask Table Linen, 45c a yard in regular price. Removal sale price is 25c a yard.
75 CTS. EACH.	This corset is well made of strong jean, regular lengths, 5 boned bust, wide stem and clasps, corded bust, bought to sell for 1.00.	AT 5c.	Good 8c Dress Gingham, in new patterns and designs.	AT 6c.	Good 8c Dress Gingham, in new patterns and designs.	64-INCH Half Bleached Table Linen, 56c quality. Removal sale price 35c a yard.
1.00 EACH.	This corset is well made of strong jean, regular lengths, 5 boned bust, wide stem and clasps, corded bust, bought to sell for 1.25.	AT 8½c.	The best grade of new Dress Gingham in 100 styles, striped and plain. These splendid gingham have never been sold for less than 12½c., and in former years 20c.	AT 8c.	Good 8c Dress Gingham, in new patterns and designs.	75 CENT Bleached Table Damask. Removal sale price 60c a yard.
1.25 EACH.	This corset is well made of strong jean, regular lengths, 5 boned bust, wide stem and clasps, corded bust, bought to sell for 1.50.	AT 9c.	Best Cambric Skirt Lining.	AT 9c.	Good 9c Skirt Lining.	\$1.25 DINNER NAPKINS. Removal sale price 99c a dozen.
1.50 EACH.	This corset is well made of strong jean, regular lengths, 5 boned bust, wide stem and clasps, corded bust, bought to sell for 1.75.	AT 9c.	Good 9c Skirt Lining.	AT 9c.	Good 9c Skirt Lining.	\$1.75 NAPKINS. Removal sale price \$1.25 a doz.

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The large house and lot, No. 3 Linden Avenue,
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that I had bound at
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33 North St., Middletown,
look fine and the price was
all right.

A SUSSEX COUNTY MYSTERY.

Signs of a struggle. Blood-stained
clothing and bits of flesh are be-
lieved to show that murder has been
committed.Sheriff Andree, of Sussex county, was
called, Thursday, to House's Coroners,
a small village seven miles from Newton,
to investigate what it is thought is a
murder mystery.In the roadway was a spot about
twenty-five feet in diameter in which
were footprints, blood and several pieces
of what appeared to be human flesh.
Leading from this spot to a small
stream, about twenty-five yards distant,
were the footprints of one man and a
track in the snow as if a heavy body
had been dragged over it. At the stream,
where the footprints ceased, a shirt and
pair of trousers, both blood-stained, were
found. The sheriff's theory is that if a
crime was committed the murderer drag-
ged his victim's body to the stream and
waded with it up or down the stream
some distance.Darkness stopped the investigation
last night, but it will be resumed if
physicians, to whom the pieces of flesh
found will be submitted, decide that they
are those of a human being.The Sheriff is satisfied that murder has
been done although no one from House's
or its vicinity is missing.Another Arrest for the Murder of Mary
Kenney.Carmon Briordi, an Italian, was ar-
rested in New York, Thursday, upon the
charge of murdering Mrs. Mary Kenney,
at Sloatsburgh, on Nov. 1st. He refused
to talk except that he admitted his pres-
ence in Sloatsburgh at the time of the
murder, and although he denied the
crime he said he knew all about it.Couldn't Have Moved Her Very Care-
fully.Mrs. M. C. Townsend, widow of the
late Joshua Townsend, of near Living-
ston Manor, had her arm broken, a few
days ago in a rather singular way. She
has been helpless for some time and her
attendants were moving her when her
arm was caught under her body and
broken.

Monticello's Beauty Is Really Ruined.

Those who have visited Monticello are
agreed that the ice storm's damage
there, has ruined the beauty of this
popular summer resort for some years.
The shade trees which was the village's
pride and glory are stripped of
their limbs, and many are so broken
down that they will have to be removed.

A Victim of Go-ship Strikes Back.

W. S. Summons advertises in the
Wantage Recorder for a highly educated
man, of superior attainments, to teach a
part of Deckerstown's people to mind
their own business.

MT. HOPE.

Entertained Their Friends—Notes of
Church Services—The Singing school—
Other Notes.

Correspondence ARGUS and MERCURY.

—Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Cortright en-
tertained a number of their friends at their
home, Thursday evening of last week.—Mrs. Morley Cortright, of Decker-
town, spent a week recently at the home
of her father, Fred Greenleaf.—On account of the storm there was
no service on Sunday evening. Mr.
Devin will preach on Sunday evening,
March 6th, and the church will be closed
until that time. Rev. Luther Little is
improving slowly, but is not able to go
out.—Mr. McMonagle gave notice, Monday
evening, that he would be absent next
week, but will meet the class again on
Monday, March 7th. He requested
all who were willing to assist at a con-
cert to hand him their names.—Miss Carrie Clark was the guest of
Miss Sadie Langdon for a few days last
week.

NEW HAMPTON.

Interest in Personal Notes—Worthy of
Patronage—Bad Weather for Ice
Gatherers.

Correspondence of ARGUS and MERCURY.

—Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Greenlap, of
Brooklyn, have been spending a few
days with relatives in this village.—Mrs. J. R. Walling, of Puterson, is
visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. C.
Brown.—Miss Anna Sproal has been spending
a few days visiting in New York.—D. E. Broome, of Rutherford, has been
visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. M.
Broome.—It. V. Ryerson is now in Georgia
where he will spend a few weeks for the
benefit of his health.—Wood & Horton, our new feed mer-
chants, are doing a good business.
Farmers should avail themselves of the
benefit of this feed store, as it is handy
and their prices are considered very sat-
isfactory.—The changeable weather which has
prevailed for some time has been very
unsatisfactory to our ice gatherers.

RIDGEBURY.

Correspondence of ARGUS and MERCURY.

—Rev. T. Brittain proposes to give a
"talk" on his late visit to New York in
Ridgebury Presbyterian Church, next
Monday evening.Dr. Bull's
PillsEvery part of our body is
constantly wearing out
and being built up anew.
This work is done by the
blood. Keep the vital fluid pure with Dr. John W.
Bull's Pills and you will enjoy good health.

SOUTH CENTREVILLE.

Methodist Church Services—Cora Mad-
dra Not One of the Post Office Rob-
bers.

Correspondence ARGUS and MERCURY.

—There will be services in the Metho-
dist Church, Sunday afternoon and even-
ing.—H. T. Gregory, post office inspector
at Greensboro, N. C., has informed Rev.
J. H. Frazer that, after investigation, he
is quite well satisfied that Cora Maddra,
who spent several weeks at Mr. Frazer's
home, is not connected with the post
office robberies in North Carolina.

From a Another Correspondent.

—Mrs. J. H. Goodale, of Coldenham,
who is visiting her son in this village,
had the misfortune, while alighting from
a carriage in front of the postoffice, to
fall on the icy stone work, sustaining
several severe bruises.—L. X. Simons will raffle his old rifle,
a revolutionary relic which has been in
the possession of his family for more
than fifty years.—Miss Lulu Myer spent Washington's
birthday in New York.—Mrs. M. Bennett has returned from a
visit to her daughter and other relatives
in New York.

MT. SALEM.

Peach Orchards Ruined by the Ice Storm

—Other Notes.

Correspondence ARGUS and MERCURY.

—The recent ice storm did great damage
to peach orchards, especially those that
are situated near the mountain, where
the ice was thicker and stayed on longer
than in the valley. I hear that the peach
orchard of Peter E. Carpenter, Lewis
Wickham, Mrs. Ella Corwin and John
DeBoer are nearly destroyed.—On account of the severe storm on
Sunday last there was no service in the
Baptist Church and the programme
which was to have been used and the
peoples gospel and praise service, which
was especially prepared for Washing-
ton's birthday, will be used on the
coming Sunday, 27th, by Pastor Ed-
wards at the usual hour of service, 11
a. m.—Mr. and Mrs. Percy V. Moore re-
turned, Thursday, from New York, where
they have been visiting relatives for a
few days.

BLOOMINGBURGH.

Improving His Store—Bought a Fine
Horse—Other Notes.

Correspondence of ARGUS and MERCURY.

—R. D. Clark and wife, of South Falls-
burg, were the guests of D. D. Low,
Tuesday.—Elwood Noxon has employed Arthur
Merritt, of Dwarckill, to work for him
the coming year.—Our enterprising merchant, Fred
Shorter, is having the interior of his store
renovated by a thorough application of
a coat of light blue paint, applied by our
well known painter, David Davis. The
front will also be painted the same color,
as will also many pieces of furniture in
the store. In the future, no doubt, it
will be known as Shorter's Blue Store.—J. H. Seybolt purchased a very fine
carriage horse at the Ayers' sale in Mid-
dletown, Wednesday. It is a very fine
young animal, and looks as if it could
show some good speed.

WESTTOWN.

Correspondence ARGUS and MERCURY.

—The Ladies' Aid Society of the West-
town M. E. Church will hold a geogra-
phical sociable at the home of Mr. and
Mrs. George Shultz, at Johnson, Thurs-
day evening, March 3rd. Each one is
requested to represent some geographi-
cal name. In addition to this an enter-
tainment will be given, consisting of
singing, dialogues and recitations. Come
and enjoy a good time. If stormy the
next fair evening.

MAPLE AVENUE.

Correspondence ARGUS and MERCURY.

—An entertainment for the benefit of
the school will be given in the Maple
Avenue school house, Thursday evening,
March 3d. If stormy next evening. The
programme will include recitations, dia-
logues, dramas, drills and tableaux. Ad-
mission fifteen cents.

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The "Mystic Cure" for Rheumatism re-
moves at once the rheumatic poison from
the system and the disease immediately
disappears. Whilst the "Mystic Life
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vous system, improves the digestion and
restores the general health. It is the
greatest cure for all nervous diseases
and weakness as well as the most power-
ful nerve builder known.
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Be-Te-Dee for Fifty Cents.

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and weakness. Sold by J. E. Mills, 2 Empire Block,
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FACTS ARE STUBBORN.

If Middletown People are Not Convinced
by Local Testimony They
Suffer from Other People.Our readers must have noticed in the
past two years how "cures" have multi-
plied in the newspapers like mushrooms
in a meadow and following the plethora
of "cures" the general public have turned
remarkably skeptical. Facts are de-
manded, but it has become also essential
to know who supplies them, where they
are from, in fine, whom have you cured.
Doubting Thomas will not accept at par
incredible cures on the other side of the
continent. He wants it at home, "Give
us some neighbor, then I will believe," is
what he asks for. Well, Doan's Kidney
Pills do this. Call it what you like, at
home, local or neighbor's testimony, you
can always ascertain the truth of it
without leaving the city limits. Here is a
case:Mrs. Melissa Johnson, of 45 James
street, says:
"For the last four or five years I have
been troubled with kidney and urinary
disorder that weakened me so much that
it was tiresome to move around and
long walks were impossible. If I caught
cold or was exposed to any change in the
weather I always was seized with a pain
in the loins. I noticed an advertise-
ment about Doan's Kidney Pills in a
local newspaper, and also heard them
well spoken about. This induced me to
procure a box from J. E. Mills' drug
store. They helped me from the first.
I feel better in every way and I am able
to walk around as much as I like. I have
always a good word to say for Doan's
Kidney Pills."Doan's Kidney Pills are sold for 50
cents per box or six boxes for \$2.50.
Foster Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y., sole
agents for the United States. Sent by
mail on receipt of price. For sale by all
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WEATHER INDICATIONS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 26.—Fair, to-
night and Saturday; colder, Saturday;
southwesterly winds becoming north-
westerly.

THE TEMPERATURE.

The following was the registry of the thermom-
eter at Frank's drug store, to-day:
7 a. m., 32°; 12 m., 42°; 3 p. m., 44°.

AMUSEMENT NOTES.

—Feb. 25.—Keanan, Russia, Literary Club's
lecture course.
—Feb. 25.—Spelling Match, at St. Paul's Church.
—Feb. 25.—"The Wizard of the Nile," at Casino.
—March 3, 4, 5.—Kinetoscope exhibition, at
Casino.
—March 9.—Gorton's famous New Orleans Min-
strels, at Casino, under management of George
Lea.
—March 17.—Reception and ball of St. Patrick's
Social Club, at Assembly Rooms.
—March 17.—Masquerade ball, given by "Billy"
Alison, at Casino 7 hours.
—March 25.—Van Ingen, Greek Art, Literary
Club's lecture course.
—April 15.—John Thomas Concert Co., at Casino.

Of the eighty-nine post offices in Sul-
livan county, thirty-six are still in the
hands of Democrats, and faithful Republi-
cans, who are willing and anxious to
write p. m. after their names, think it
time the administration "got a move
on."

The manufacture of woolhats has long
been one of the leading industries of
Reading, Pa., but dispatches from that
city announce that a number of the lead-
ing manufacturers are about to abandon
the business, the Dingley tariff's tax on
wool making it impossible for them to
continue it with profit.

To-day's New York papers contain
little that is new concerning the Maine
disaster. All the discoveries made by the
divers who have examined the wreck
tend to confirm the belief that the explo-
sion came from underneath the ship, and
there seems to be no longer any doubt in
the minds of naval officers that a mine
was exploded under the vessels. Al-
though the administration adhere to its
policy of suspension of judgment until
the Court of Inquiry has completed its
investigation and made its report, it is a
significant fact that there is the greatest
possible activity in navy yards, armories,
gun foundries and ordnance bureaus.

The town meetings held in several
counties, this week, followed on the lines
of those previously held and resulted in
Democratic gains and Republican losses.
The figures thus far show a gain of
forty-two supervisors by Democrats and
a Republican gain of only six. This
prompts the Republican *Commercial
Advertiser* to suggest that Republican
lawmakers had better think twice before
amalgamating town meetings and the
fall elections, for if the trend of political
sentiment in the rural counties can be
judged from town meeting results not
many Republican votes are to be gained
by such a policy.

The *Newburgh Register's* Albany cor-
respondent gives the following status of
local bills now before the Legislature:
Middletown excise bill in cities' com-
mittee but favorable report expected soon;
Mr. Schultz's road improvement bill and
Port Jervis normal school bill, dead in
committee on ways and means; bills
making the county clerk and sheriff of
Orange county salaried officers in com-
mittee on internal affairs. Hearings
have been asked on these bills and will
be arranged for soon. The county clerk
bill has been amended by Mr. Schultz so
as to make the salary of the deputy
clerk \$1,200 instead of \$900 a year.
Most of Mr. Goodsell's bills are in a more
forward state. The Chambers creek
bridge bill is in the hands of the Gov-
ernor, the Cochetown turnpike bill, the bill
increasing the limit of membership in
Waiton Hose Company, of Chester, the
Newburgh sewer bill and the bill prohib-
iting night fishing for bass in Orange
Lake have all passed the Assembly and
are now pending in the Senate. His bills
amending the game laws, providing for
payment of abandoned county insane
asylums and providing for the expenses
of Supreme Court justices in this district
are still in the House.

Give the Children a Drink
called Grain-O. It is a delicious, appetiz-
ing, nourishing food drink to take the
place of coffee. Sold by all grocers and
liked by all who have used it because
when properly prepared it tastes like the
finest coffee but is free from all its in-
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gestion and strengthens the nerves. It
is not a stimulant but a health builder
and children, as well as adults, can drink
it with great benefit. Costs about
one-fourth as much as coffee. 15 and 25c.

TO-DAY'S CABINET MEETING.

All the Members Present—The Maine
Disaster Talked Of but Nothing Done
BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—The first full
meeting of the Cabinet in some weeks
was held, to-day. Both Alger and Sher-
man, who have been sick, were present.
The Cabinet talked about the Maine
disaster at some length as a current
topic of vital interest, but no action of
any kind was taken nor was any sug-
gestion of action made.
No intimation, it was stated, has yet
come from the Court of Inquiry as to
how long it will be occupied with its
work, and consequently no conclusion
can be reached as to when its reports
will be available. The situation other-
wise, it is stated, is unchanged.

BIG TOBACCO FACTORY BURNING

Extensive Plant of the National Tobac-
co Co. in Flames—Loss May Be \$2,000,000.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

LOUISVILLE, Feb. 25.—The extensive
plant of the National Tobacco Co., at
Twenty-fourth and Main streets, caught
fire, early this morning, and it is feared
will be entirely destroyed. If so the loss
will reach \$2,000,000.

Several persons have been injured by
falling walls and many employees were
injured while escaping from the burning
building.

THE COURT OF INQUIRY.

Hopes to Complete Its Work and Leave
Havana, To-day.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

HAVANA, Feb. 25.—The Court of In-
quiry continued its sessions here, to-day.
Its members hope to leave for Key West,
this evening or to-morrow morning.
The wounded are reported doing well,
to-day.

The tug Right Arm is at work remov-
ing some parts of the wreck as fast as
possible in advance of the arrival of the
stronger tugs.

SPANISH PEOPLE WANT WAR.

Newspapers Urging the Government to
Strike the First and Decisive Blow.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

HAVANA, Feb. 25.—A special despatch
says: "The Spanish Government has no
choice if the United States adopts a
threatening attitude, for the prospect of
war is popular with all parties, and the
more excitable newspapers are already
urging the Government to take measures
to enable Spain to strike the first and
decisive blow."

THE VIZCAYA LEAVES NEW YORK

The Spanish Cruiser Sailed, This After-
noon, With Flag at Half-mast.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

New York, Feb. 25.—The Vizcaya left
her anchorage at Tompkinsville at 1:25,
this afternoon, and steamed down the
bay, the navy yard tug Nina and the
police boat Patrol following her. The
Vizcaya carried her flag at half-mast as
she sailed out to sea.

ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL.

Speaker O'Grady Commissioned After
Passing the Military Examination.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

ALBANY, Feb. 25.—Col. James M.
O'Grady, speaker of the assembly, to-
day, successfully passed the military ex-
amination for the position of Assistant
Adjutant General. The Governor at
once signed his commission.

NO NEWS OF LA CHAMPAGNE.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

New York, Feb. 25.—La Champagne
has not yet been sighted. Incoming
steamers report having seen nothing of
her.

A PINK WHIST DINNER.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Tutbill Entertain in
Honor of Mrs. Tutbill's Sisters.

A very pleasant social event took
place, Thursday evening, at the home of
Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Tutbill, on Linden
avenue, the occasion being a pink whist
dinner in honor of the sisters of Mrs.
Tutbill, Mrs. Deany and Miss Chrysler,
who are visiting her.

There were about twenty guests pre-
sent, and after a reception in the parlors
all were seated at card tables and served
with an elegant course dinner, after
which partners were selected in a very
novel manner, each person drawing a
card that had been separated upon a line
of a two profile, of course the two per-
sons drawing the bisected and dissected
physiognomies, which fitted together
being partners at the whist table. The
profiles in cards were the productions of
Mr. Tutbill's artistic skill.

The decorations were by Bartholomew,
and were very beautiful. Flower favors
were awarded to all the guests.

A novel innovation in cards was intro-
duced by only counting the red cards,
the effect being that the game seemed
like a game of hearts and whist com-
bined.

Mr. and Mrs. Tutbill have provided them-
selves to be not only hospitable, but
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Sassaaparilla, which cures when all other
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DOUBTS OF A WARRIOR.

From the Evening World.
"The grand to be a soldier
And wear gold epaulettes,
And pose as drills and state camp
As the ladies' special pets;
But I wonder, oh, I wonder,
(I've had trouble with my sight)
If a man who uses spectacles
Would be allowed to fight!
I never minded weekly drills,
In fact, it's sort of fun
To hang away at phantoms
With a blank charge in your gun;
But I wonder, oh, I wonder,
If the war folks think it right
For a man who uses spectacles
To really go to fight!"
JOHN W. LOW.

THE JAY GOT THE BEST OF IT

The Visit of "Coroner Stenger, of Yellow
Coon Corners," to New York.

Several of the New York papers publish
long accounts of the arrest in that city for
drunkenness of "Coroner Stenger, of Yel-
low Coon Corners, Sullivan county." The
"Coroner" seems to have been slick
enough to get himself out of a scrape by
overacting the part of a jay and it would
bother those who had fun with him to
locate "Yellow Coon Corners in Sullivan
county" from which he said he "bailed."

The First Harbinger of Spring.

A farmer reports that he heard a kil-
deer, the first sign of spring, very clearly,
this morning.

Dr. Miles' Pain Pills cure Neuralgia.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE REPORT

JAS. P. TIGHE, Commission Broker, Stern
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New York, Feb. 25, '98.

Yesterday	Today	Close
Sugar.....	12 1/4	12 1/4
Tobacco.....	90	89 1/2
Chicago Gas.....	90	91
Nat. Lead.....	20	31
General Electric.....	21 1/2	32 1/2
U. S. L. pref.....	60 1/2	60 1/2
Tenn. Coal and Iron.....	19 1/4	20 1/4
A. T. & S. F.....	10 1/2	11 1/2
C. B. & Q.....	9 1/2	9 1/4
C. M. & St. P.....	9 1/2	9 1/2
D. L. & W.....	81	80 1/2
C. of N. J.....	9 1/4	9 1/2
Erie.....	14	13 1/2
D. and H.....	109	109
O. & W.....	16 1/4	16 1/2
Susquehanna & Western.....	32 1/2	33
Susquehanna & West., pref.....	18 1/4	18 1/2
P. & R.....	120	121 1/2
N. W.....	11 1/4	11 1/2
L. S. C.....	25	25 1/2
M. P.....	10 1/2	10 1/2
Texas.....	28 1/2	28 1/2
U. P.....	27 1/2	27 1/2
W. Union.....	57 1/2	57 1/2
L. & N.....	54 1/2	54 1/2
Manhattan.....	102 1/4	103
P. M.....	27 1/4	27
Wabash, pref.....	15 1/2	15 1/2
No. Pacific, pref.....	60	61
Metropolitan Traction.....	185 1/2	187
Brooklyn Rapid Transit.....	37 1/2	38
Southern, pref.....	27 1/4	28 1/2
May Wheat.....	103 1/2	103 1/2
May Corn.....	28 1/2	28 1/2
May Oats.....	26 1/2	26 1/2
May Pork.....	\$10 45	\$10 50
May Lard.....	5 22	5 20

DIED.

TALMADGE—Near Circleville, Feb. 24th, '98,
Mary E., wife of James R. Talmadge, aged
twenty-eight years, eight months, twenty-
three days.
Funeral services will be held at her late residence,
Saturday afternoon, at two o'clock. Interment
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LIVE LOCAL TOPICS.

—Remember that the third page of this paper contains good local matter, to-day.

—Rev. Dr. Robinson will introduce George Kennan, the lecturer, to-night.

—The "Wizard of the Nile" at the Casino, Monday evening.

—The physical culture class will meet at 3:45 o'clock, to-morrow.

—George Kennan's lecture on Russia at the First Congregational Church, to-night.

—Remember Kirke LaShelle's "Wizard of the Nile" will be the attraction at the Casino, next Monday evening.

—Officer Freer found a key on North street, this afternoon, the owner of which may obtain it by applying to him.

—The Ulster county Grand Jury in session, last week, investigated a number of cases but found no indictments.

—A number of Middletown Good Templars are in Goshen, to-day, attending the quarterly session of the county lodge.

—A few street hands have done good work, to-day, in removing the winter's accumulations of dirt from the paved streets.

—The spelling match at St. Paul's church, to-night, will undoubtedly prove interesting. A musical programme will also be rendered.

—The billboard posters announcing the coming of the "Wizard of the Nile" are attracting much attention. The paper is of the best quality.

—In spite of bad weather, the fair in aid of St. Andrew's Church, Ellenville, netted over \$400, a sum sufficient to free the church from debt.

—Austin Gibbons, of Paterson, is training at Goshen to meet "Bobby" Dobbs, of St. Paul, Minn. The contest will take place at Trenton, N. J., March 7th.

—The pocket book found by Mrs. Robshaw at the First Baptist Church, Tuesday, was the property of Mrs. Dix, of No. 8 Albert street, and was returned to her.

—At a sale of money, Wednesday evening, by the Co-operative Loan and Savings Society of Port Jervis, \$7,100 in four lots brought premiums ranging from 9 to 12 1/2 per cent.

—Middletown boasts having some dogs in the New York dog show. Oh! if we could contrive to get Ellenville's canine population down there—and keep them there—Journal.

—W. M. Fiero, agent for the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company, and C. B. Martin, blue stone dealer, have moved their offices to the corner of the Low building.

—Few lecturers are in greater demand than George Kennan, and the people of Middletown are fortunate in having an opportunity to hear him. At the First Congregational Church, to-night.

—The St. Patrick's Social Club will give a reception and ball at the Assembly Rooms, on the evening of St. Patrick's Day, Thursday, March 17th. Tickets are for sale at Jacob Gunther's.

—George Kennan will interest and instruct all who hear his lecture on Russia at the First Congregational Church, to-night. He is thoroughly master of his subject, and his lectures, delivered in all the large cities of the country, have been received with every mark of favor and appreciation.

—George Kennan, who lectures at the First Congregational church, to-night, delivered his lecture on Russia, in Binghamton not long since. The tickets were \$2 each but the hall was crowded and every one present felt that he had had the worth of his money. Tickets for to-night's lecture are only seventy-five cents.

PERSONAL.

—Isaac M. Cocks, of Cornwall, will sail for Europe, March 3.

—Harry Waller, of Jersey City, formerly with Hoyt & Galloway, has been visiting in this city.

—Wesley Clark, a well known farmer residing on the Lower Road, is seriously sick with pneumonia.

—Erie agent Hornbeck, of Passaic, stopped in town, to-day, enroute to Port Jervis, his former home.

—Mrs. Thomas R. Hart, children and nurse, of Passaic, are guests of Mrs. Hart's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. N. Little.

—Mrs. Juliette Wilson left, yesterday, for a week's visit to the family of her brother, Wickham Corwin, at Newark, N. J.

—Miss Hattie Valentine, who has been the guests of the Misses Coddington, on Wickham avenue, returned to her home, at Hasbrouck Heights, to-day.

—Mrs. F. J. Potter returned from Middletown the first of the week, after spending several days with the new postmaster, Byron Dayton, her brother-in-law. She was accompanied on her return by Mrs. Thornton Dayton.

—The East Hartford, Conn., Gazette publishes a picture of T. James McCabe, foreman of Burnside House Co., No. 3, of the East Hartford fire department. Mr. McCabe was born in this city, March 13, 1841, and is remembered by not a few of our citizens.

GASOLINE TANK EXPLODED.

Tinsmiths Were Repairing a Gas Generator at George Bernance's Laundry When the Tank Exploded—Their Faces Badly Scorched—Lively Blaze for a Few Minutes.

A gas generator exploded at the Middletown steam laundry, this afternoon, about 2:20, burning two employees of Tinsmith J. H. Conkling. George Conkling, his son, and Charles Adams about the face, and H. C. Benson, who was standing near, had his eyebrows and whiskers singed. Others standing about escaped injury.

The gas generator was located in a pit in the rear of the laundry on Low avenue. One of the valves leaked when gasoline was put in the generator, and, this afternoon, it was concluded to repair it. Tinsmiths George Conkling and Charles Adams were at work upon it. They were using a large gasoline torch to melt the solder, when the heat from the torch having generated a large quantity of vapor in the tank it blew up with a noise like the firing of a cannon.

The flames poured out on the workmen, blistering their faces severely, and burning their mustaches and whiskers to the flesh.

The noise of the explosion brought people out of their houses on North street and Low avenue, and the factories emptied their floors on the scene.

It was found that the men were not seriously burned, and after they had generously rubbed their faces with oil attention was paid to the burning generator.

The generator was larger than a hog's head and its contents burned with great fury, necessitating its being pushed and pulled away from the outbuildings in the vicinity.

OBITUARY.

Newton H. Savage.

Newton H. Savage, jeweler, of that place, died, Thursday evening, at his residence in Liberty, of appendicitis. The deceased was the son-in-law of Hon. U. S. Messiter, ex-Member of Assembly.

Grace Davidson.

Miss Grace Davidson, a teacher in the Livingston Manor school, died at the Hotel Mort in that village, Thursday morning, after an illness of several weeks, of remittent fever, aged twenty-four years.

She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Davidson, of Roscoe, and will be deeply mourned there and at Livingston Manor, where she was loved by all connected with the school. She is survived by her parents and by two sisters and three brothers.

THE ANGLO-SWISS CONDENSERY

A Report That the Plant Is to be Greatly Enlarged.

It is currently reported that the plant of the Anglo-Swiss Condensery here is to be greatly enlarged and that work will be commenced at an early date.

It is also understood that Charles B. Buckley, treasurer of the Middletown Savings Bank, has under advisement the offer of a responsible position in the condensery office.

IN THE FARMER'S FAVOR.

An Ulster County Jury That Wouldn't Enforce the Milk Law Penally.

An Ulster county jury, in a suit against a farmer to recover the penalty for selling milk not up to the legal standard, rendered a verdict in the farmer's favor, although the evidence against him was apparently conclusive. The farmer's only defense was that the inspector who took a sample of his milk did not properly mix up the contents of the can.

VERY VALUABLE DOGS.

George N. Clemens Received Twelve Prizes at the Dog Show.

George N. Clemens received twelve prizes at the dog show on his high bred animals.

Thos. Watts has been offered \$350 for his dog which received a first prize at the show, a New York sportsman having shown a great liking for him.

Will Cost the Postal Telegraph Co. \$10,000.

It is estimated that it will cost the Postal Telegraph Company \$10,000 to repair the damage done to its lines through Sullivan county by the recent ice storm. The wires in the vicinity of Monticello were coated with ice two inches thick.

Change in Telephone Construction Plans.

There has been a change in the programme, and the new telephone to Monticello will be constructed from Port Jervis up the M. & P. J. railroad. The line from Ellenville to this city will be rebuilt with new poles and new copper wire.

The S. and W. Conductor's Contest.

As the end of the month approaches interest in the Norwich Sun's O. and W. conductors' contest increases. C. J. Eugen now leads with 736 votes. W. Ferris is second with 368, John Clow, third with 311, and M. C. Hoke, fourth with 296.

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ENSIGN POWELSON'S REPORT.

The New York Herald Claims That He Found That the Maine Was Blown Up From Without.

To-day's New York Herald is a sort of Ensign Powelson edition. He figures twice in double column scare heads, and a picture of the young Ensign, first published at the time of his graduation from the Naval Academy, and his record are given. The Herald claims information, which, if true is exclusive, that Ensign Powelson has reported to his superiors that he found on investigation that "the forward part of the keel of the Maine, with its ribs and plates, was stove upward so far that parts of the shattered double bottom show out of water, and in places sections of the green painted outer hull are visible."

The Herald correspondent adds: "My informant did not think it was necessary to make any comment. Neither do I. The lips of navy officers here have been sealed by one of the most stringent and peremptory orders ever issued by the Navy Department, and by which they are commanded to give no information to any one regarding this investigation. 'Right here I wish to fully exonerate Mr. Powelson. He has held no communication with me of any sort, and I would not know him if I were to see him.'"

The publication of the Herald article has left a profound impression upon deep-thinking people in this city, for the reason complete confidence is felt here in the calm, cool judgment of the modest son of Orange county's district attorney. Should the Herald's story be confirmed the number of Cuban enthusiasts here will be materially increased.

ARE THEY CHICKEN THIEVES?

Peter and Sidney Brown, of the Notorious "Browns," Under Arrest.

Peter Brown and Sidney Brown, two of the notorious "Browns," were arrested, Thursday night, on a charge of stealing game chickens from W. H. Bodine, Erie tower man, who resides on Mill street.

Peter was brainy and asked for a trial by the Record at 2 o'clock, to-morrow afternoon. He was held in default of \$100 bail.

Sidney desired a trial by jury and the services of a prominent lawyer. His case was adjourned until Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock, and he was taken to Goshen jail awaiting trial. The juryman drawn was:

Vincent Cox, M. L. Crane, Wm. Schwartz, A. B. Gordon, J. S. Linburgh, W. G. Edmunds, C. H. Alton, D. L. Decker, J. H. Conkling, J. M. Johnson, G. W. Clark and J. W. Bowers.

ONLY A JAIL BIRD'S QUARREL.

The Man Assaulted Near Goshen and His Assaulted Sent Back to Jail for Thirty Days—The Two Others Run Out of Town.

From Our Goshen Correspondent.

The three men arrested in Florida, Thursday, charged with assaulting and robbing the man who was found unconscious along the Pine Island Railroad track, near the Decker condensery, were arraigned before Justice Wyker, this morning.

The assaulted man, after having been cared for at Orange Farm, was found to be more drunk than hurt, and he was brought to Goshen, last night, and locked up, and was arraigned with the others, this morning.

The four men were all discharged from Goshen jail, Thursday morning, after serving short terms for vagrancy. Frank Adams the assaulted man, and John Brady, who owned to having batted him over the head, were each sentenced to thirty days in jail. The other two, John McGuire and Frank Bell, were given fifteen minutes to get out of town, and were gone in less than half the allotted time.

HYMENEAL.

Lewis—Decker.

A pleasant social event took place at the home of Levi Decker, a well to do farmer at Waterloo Mills, on Wednesday evening. It was the marriage of his daughter Miss Jennie M. Decker, to Peter Lewis of Coleville, N. J. The ceremony was performed at 8 o'clock by Rev. S. L. Edwards, of Mt. Salem, in the presence of a number of invited guests, near relatives and friends of the contracting parties.

Hearing on the Excise Money Bill.

Mayor Mance received, to-day, a notice from the chairman of the Assembly Committee on Cities that there would be a hearing on the excise money bill, Tuesday, March 1st. As there is no opposition to the measure it will not be necessary for any representatives of the city to go to Albany, the merits of the measure being clearly set forth in the Mayor's message suggesting the use of the surplus excise fund for the payment of the high school bonds.

Surprised on Her Birthday.

Mrs. Theo. Frank was surprised on her birthday, Thursday, by a visit from Mr. and Mrs. Emil Schubert, Mrs. W. C. F. Bastain and Mrs. Belger. They brought with them a solid silver punch ladle for the beautiful punch bowl given by "the boys" New Year's, an elaborate sofa pillow, potted plants, etc.

Caught a Big Pickeral in the Reservoir.

Willis L. Ragley and George Storck fished through the near Monticello Lake, Thursday, catching a fine lot of pickeral, the largest weighing four pounds.

DeWitt's Kidney and Bladder Pills.

AT THE COUNTY SEAT.

INCIDENTS AND HAPPENINGS IN GOSHEN TOWN.

Marion sold for small farm in improvement—Good Templars' County Lodge—The Addition to the Surrogate's Building.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

—Six horses were sold at the auction in this village, Thursday. Four belonged to Bernard McCaffrey and two were the property of John Hogan. The prices realized were small.

—The interior of the store of James G. Spier is being newly painted and renovated.

—Orange County Lodge of Good Templars is in quarterly session here, to-day.

—Ed. A. Hopkins is confined to his home on Murray avenue by illness.

—The work of remodeling the Surrogate's building, the contract for which was awarded, Thursday, to W. C. Altman, of this village, will be begun on April 1st. The addition will be constructed of brick with brown stone trimmings. In the northwest corner a steel vault will be erected from top to bottom. The building, when completed, will be occupied by the Surrogate on the first floor and the County Treasurer and the Goshen Library and Historical Association on the second floor. The library will have the front and the County Treasurer the rear rooms.

—The pastor, officers and trustees of the Presbyterian Church held their second annual dinner in the chapel of the church, Thursday night. These annual dinners were suggested by and have been served under the direction of Mrs. J. H. Thompson and in recognition of her services she was presented, Thursday night, with a beautiful Bohemian glass loving cup.

C. L. Swezy's New Location.

Charles L. Swezy has rented the store at the corner of Henry and James streets, in the Casino building, and will occupy it March 1. The store is 20x70 and a door will be cut on the Henry street side. While Mr. Swezy will continue to conduct a first class jewelry store, he will also make a special feature of bicycles. He has received a sample of the Barnes 198 wheel, which he has on exhibition at his present location on North street.

Funeral of John G. Picot.

Funeral services over the remains of John G. Picot were held at St. Paul's Church, at 2:30, to-day. Rev. Dr. Wilson and Chaplain Norris, of Ontario House Company, of which the deceased was a member officiated. Ontario House Company attended in full uniform and the pallbearers were chosen from their number.

Grand Chief Templar Hooker's Visit.

Grand Chief Templar Hooker, of Syracuse, was present at the meeting of Excelsior Lodge, I. O. G. T., last night. He made an interesting address, which was listened to with pleasure by the many members of the order who were present.

The Binghamton Beet Sugar Company.

The Binghamton Beet Sugar Company, which proposes to establish a factory at Conklin, Broome county, was incorporated, Wednesday, with a capital of \$44,000, of which \$113,000 is prepared stock. The directors of the company are all Binghamton men.

Cattle are scarce and high in Sullivan County.

From the Monticello Watchman.

Cattle are scarce and high. Working oxen, which few there are for sale, bring from \$120 to \$130, and cows range from \$30 upward. Hay is plenty—so plenty as to be selling from \$6 to \$8 per ton.

The Ice Has All Gone From the Walkkill.

The ice jam which threatened the Hopkins bridge over the Walkkill river has moved out, and there is no longer any danger. The stream is now clear of ice for its full length. The water is very high, the park being still flooded.

Civil Service Examinations Postponed.

The semi-annual civil service examination ordered to be held by the local board, this spring, has been adjourned until fall, as has the June examination.

Real Estate Sales.

—Wm. J. Smith has bought a forty-acre tract adjoining his farm in the town of Hamptonburgh from Thos. H. Senior, of Montgomery. Consideration \$1,600.

—Two pieces of Chester real estate belonging to the late John T. Johnson were sold at auction at the Howland House, in that village, Wednesday. The brick building next to Rodde's opera house was bid in by Joseph Board for \$2,642. The old bank building and lot was purchased by Reston L. Conklin for \$2,200.

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SETTING PEACH TREES.

An Ohio Fruit-Grower Tells How and When to Do It.

One year ago last May we set 100 peach trees. Having often heard the advice given to set small trees instead of the large, first-class ones we felt that possibly we had made a mistake when giving the order. Wishing to save the time of one or two years' growth, if possible, we ordered the best two-year-old trees. They were shipped in good condition and were set as soon as received. They were well set, allowing all roots their natural position. We cut any roots off that would otherwise be cramped or bent up and cut off all injured or mangled portions of roots. Did not dig all the holes before beginning to set the trees as some do, but set stakes for the trees and then brought the trees out to a convenient place in the orchard, covering the roots with a quantity of wet straw and moss with blankets over this.

It takes very little hot sun and still less of drying wind directly on plant or tree roots to affect their growth. The spot selected for the trees had been plowed very deep and thoroughly fitted before the trees came. Each hole was dug for the particular root that was to be planted in it. After the hole was dug the tree was placed in position, when man No. 1 held it there and tramped the fine soil about the roots as man No. 2 shoveled the dirt in. After the trees were planted we cut them back or pruned them until they had the appearance of a whipstock, and that about 3 1/2 feet in length.

It seems almost a waste of growth and the wrong thing to do to prune a nice shaped tree so severely, but our limited experience in this line has taught us that it is the thing to do, and that the tree will soon make up and be in growth for this "setback." Out of the 100 we have lost one tree.

They have made a remarkable growth and we have not regretted setting large trees. The above trees are now well filled with fruit buds, but buds on a peach tree this time of year cannot always be considered buds of promise.

We did not consider it necessary to lose the use of the ground while the trees were getting large enough to fruit. We set strawberries for plants in the rows of trees and three feet from this row on each side just half way between the tree rows one way set raspberries. Trees, berry plants and all were mulched with stable manure one year ago, and all expressed their thanks for it in growth the past summer.—A. D. Olin, in National Stockman.

PLANTS AND FLOWERS.

Starting Cuttings in Sand the Best Method of Propagation.

What is called the mud system of rooting cuttings is often used for small quantities. A shallow dish of any kind which will hold two or three inches of sand is selected. The sand is entirely covered with water, which is renewed as evaporation takes place. Cuttings or slips are set in this mud bath,

STARTING CUTTINGS IN SAND.

which is placed in the warmest window of the house. Being surrounded by moisture they can stand the sun without wilting. Root the harder kinds first, such as geraniums, verbenas and fuchsias; coleus, heliotropes, etc., can be left until later. This method is well adapted for small house conservatories; as this is sometimes obtained by heating ten or fifteen degrees above the air in the room it causes the quickest growth, as well as the window. A bottom heat, an inclosed space with a common oil lamp placed below it. Young seedling plants are very apt to "damp off" in their young stages. It is found that this occurs simply from exposure. If the young plants, just as soon as they can be handled, are lifted and reset in the soil deep enough to expose only the seed leaves, this damping off is completely checked and it rarely occurs again.—Farm and Home.

When to Trim Apple Trees.

It does not pay to doctor up old neglected trees, except to get a supply of fruit, until young trees become bearable. Apple trees are very cheap. If some old trees are desired to be kept, prune during mild weather, before April 1. Don't trim trees during hard frost. Prune to admit air and sunshine, also to remove limbs that cross each other or chafe. If the pruning knife is used with discretion from the time the tree is young, a much better tree is secured. If the ground is poor, tree scabby, or of weak growth, give good dressing of barnyard manure, but if the wood is vigorous, and soil fairly rich, I would give each tree about one peck acid phosphate or bone dust, and one bushel unleached wood ashes, scattered evenly over and beyond the roots.

Cause of Some Failures.

It is an easy matter to set a few currants and gooseberry plants along the fence row, and then leave them to the mercy of weeds and worms without fertilization or cultivation. Then the owner wonders why it is his fruit is so much inferior to that of his more thrifty neighbor. No wonder that he comes to the conclusion that "there is only now and then one who is calculated to raise fruit anyhow." Plants, like animals, need a well-balanced ration and a large per cent. of brains is one of the principal ingredients. Currants and gooseberries are no exception to this rule. These plants will bear some fruit without care, though it will be smaller in size, poorer in quality and the yield less than when liberally treated.—Farm and Home.

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In One Word.
"Tell me," pleaded the artless maid, "wherein lies the secret of the art of conversation?"
The sage assumed the attitude he was wont to assume when in the act of imparting wisdom, and said:
"My child, listen!"
"I am listening!" breathlessly she answered.
"Well, my child," he rejoined, "that is all there is of the art of conversing agreeably."—Chicago Tribune.

An Infallible Sign.
She—You are always talking about the fashions. Now, honestly, do you think you would know the latest fashion in hats if you were to enter a milliner's?
He—Certainly.
She—How?
He (ruefully)—By looking at the prices.—Tit-Bits.

A Good Excuse.
"Haven't you been drinking contrary to my instructions?" said Dr. Sereney to his patient, Hostetter McGinnis, who admitted that he had.
"Why don't you do what I tell you?"
"Because I'm not married to you," replied Hostetter, who is very much benighted.—Tammam Times.

Life's Lesson.
Practical Mother—My daughter, now that you are engaged to be married, you should endeavor to become more familiar with the details of housekeeping.
Daughter—That's just what I'm doing, ma. I learned to-day that chewing gum is a splendid thing for mending old tinware.—N. Y. Weekly.

Prices Had Gone Up.
"I suppose I can have your vote for \$500," said the promoter.
"Not much," replied the legislator.
"My price is \$1,000."
"But last Monday you offered it to me for \$300."
"Oh, well, that was bargain day."—Chicago Post.

Comforting.
Old Gentleman (at his daughter's wedding)—My dear, I don't see how I am to get along without you.
Bride—Never mind, pa. Since the ceremony was performed my husband has confessed that he hasn't enough saved to go housekeeping; so you may not lose me after all.—N. Y. Weekly.

Afflicted Favorites.
"Queer how we like blind people better than we do deaf people."
"That's not queer at all."
"Why isn't it?"
"Sympathy costs nothing, but shouting tires our lungs."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Friendly Advice.
"This poem," said the editor, "will never do as it now stands. I would suggest that you take it around to some chiropodist."
"Its feet need attention."—Chicago Record.

It Seemed Good.
Ledgerby—It does seem good to see old Daybuck back at his desk after his long illness.
Billie—You bet it does—I was afraid it was another case of two dollars all around for a floral tribute.—Chicago Journal.

Real Joy.
Of all the joys that fate can fix, This makes the heart elastic: To hear the bell at half-past six And not get up till eight.—Chicago Record.

NOT A CONVOISSEUR.



Flim—Are you a good judge of horse flesh?
Flam—Don't know; never ate any.—N. Y. Journal.

Atty Habitations.
Man builds a castle, grand and fair—No trouble about that; But when he moves in—oh, despair!—He finds it's just a flat.
Classifying It.
"What kind of a cat is this, Brower?"
"I don't believe I ever saw one just like it."
"Sort of a Maltese cross, I should think."—Detroit Free Press.

The Infant Idea.
Tommy—What is the guest of honor at a dinner?
Willie—Don't you know? He's the one that gets the gizzard and liver saved for him.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

His Wish Gratified.
Buyer (entering poultry shop)—I should like to see a nice fat goose.
Small Boy—Yes, sir, mother will be down directly.—Tit-Bits.

Proof.
Jones—So you had a lively tussle with the burglar?
Smith—Lively? Why, it woke up the cook.—N. Y. Truth.

Warning.
Justwed—What can I do that will make you less cold to me, darling?
Mrs. Justwed—Get me a sealskin anaque.—N. Y. Journal.

History.
Lulu—Your brother Charlie proposed to me last night.
Frances—Oh, how did you ever get him to do it?—Chicago Tribune.

MIDDLETOWN TIME TABLE.

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SISTERS DIE OF PNEUMONIA.

Mrs. Catharine Van Sickle and Mrs. Robert McKie both succumb to the same dread disease.

The deaths near Unionville of Mrs. Catharine Van Sickle and Mrs. Robert McKie, sisters, after short illness from pneumonia, made a profound impression on that community.

Mrs. Van Sickle died Feb. 15 and her sister, who had assisted in caring for her, succumbed to the same disease five days later.

They were daughters of the late Abraham Cole Van Aken, of Wyckertown, Sussex county. Mrs. Van Sickle, who was the widow of the late Walter Van Sickle, had resided for many years in Unionville and was widely known and highly esteemed. She is survived by two children, Walter and Florence, both residing at home. She was in her sixty-seventh year.

Mrs. McKie was in her fifty-eighth year and she and her husband have resided in Unionville for twelve years. She had no children. She was a kind and lovable woman and is mourned by a large circle of friends. The interment was at Beemerville, Thursday.

A MAKESHIFT TELEGRAPH LINE.

How the O. and W. Linemen Tried to Connect Livingston Manor and Middletown.

About eighteen miles of telegraph line was down between Parkville and this city as a result of the recent ice storm.

The *Ensign* says that a connection was made with Middletown, Wednesday, by attaching a wire to fence posts, stumps, and anything that would hold it off the ground, but after a continuous line had been made it was found that it would not work. Later, however, communication was established.

While the line was down Assistant Dispatcher Joseph Wood, of this city, was at Livingston Manor directing the movement of trains between there and Sidney.

HERE'S SOMETHING NEW.

The Vest of the Universalist Church to Cook and serve a supper.

The gentlemen connected with the Universalist church made arrangements. Thursday night, to prepare and serve a first class supper next Thursday evening at the parsonage, corner of East Main and Orchard streets. The men say it will be done in good style, and the ladies are expectantly awaiting the results. The net sum realized is to go into the treasury of the ladies' circle. Every body is invited.

Verdict Against a Tel. phone Company.

In the Supreme Court at Norwich, Wednesday, a verdict of \$600 was rendered in favor of Mrs. Mary E. Polet against the Central New York Telephone and Telegraph Co. One of the company's wires had become loosened from the poles and hung across the Oxford Norwich road in such a way that plaintiff, while driving along the road, was caught by it and dragged from her buggy, sustaining serious injuries. The evidence showed that the wire had been allowed to remain down for several days.

Two Wood Acid factories Contracted For.

From the Roscoe Review.

Thomson Brothers, of this village, contractors and builders, have closed a contract with Arthur Leighton to rebuild his acid factory at Methol, which was destroyed by fire last week. They will also build a twenty-pair retort factory at Pullhair Switch and all the buildings connected with an acid factory and also several cottages.

Musical and Spelling Match at St. Paul's Church.

Friday evening there will be a musical and a spelling match at St. Paul's Church, for the benefit of the primary department. Twenty excellent soloists will take part, and no doubt it will be found very entertaining, judging from its success in other cities. Admission 10 cents. 79d3t

A Claim Brought for the Ladies.

Monhagen Hose Company, made famous by its claim suppers, has arranged to give one for the ladies. Thursday, March 3. An entertainment will also be given. The committee are: K. W. Stubb, A. E. McIntyre, Homer B. Ritter, Geo. E. Wengert and Alvin B. Boyd. Caterer Rowley will serve the supper.

High Prices for Cows.

From the Montgomery Reporter.

The auction sale of John King, on the Wallace farm held Tuesday afternoon, with Phil Hasbrouck as auctioneer, was a very successful one. Cows averaging \$44.31 per head and all other property bringing fair prices.

Relief in Six Hours.

Distressing Kidney and Bladder disease relieved in six hours by "NEW GREAT SOUTH AMERICAN KIDNEY CURE." It is a great surprise on account of its exceeding promptness in relieving pain in bladder, kidneys and back, in male or female. Relieves retention of water almost immediately. If you want quick relief and cure this is the remedy. Sold by J. E. Mills, druggist Middletown, N. Y.

Too late to cure a cold after consumption has fastened its deadly grip on the lungs. Take Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup while yet there is time.

Diphtheria relieved in twenty minutes. Almost miraculous. Dr. Thomas' Eclectic Oil. At any drug store.

To Cure Constipation Forever. Take Cassell's Candy Cathartic. 10c or 25c. If G. C. fails to cure, druggists refund money.

A LETTER TO WOMEN.

A few words from Mrs. Smith, of Philadelphia, will certainly corroborate the claim that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound is woman's ever reliable friend.

"I cannot praise Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound too highly.

"For nine weeks I was in bed suffering with inflammation and congestion of the ovaries. I had a discharge all the time. When lying down all the time, I felt quite comfortable; but as soon as I would put my feet on the floor, the pains would come back.

"Every one thought it was impossible for me to get well. I was paying \$1 per day for doctor's visits and 75 cents a day for medicine. I made up my mind to try Mrs. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. It has effected a complete cure for me, and I have all the faith in the world in it. What a blessing to woman it is!"—Mrs. JENNIE L. SMITH, No. 324 Kaufman St., Philadelphia, Pa.

RUN TRAINS TANDEM.

How the P., R. and N. E. Railroad Handles Big Trains at Small Expense From the Montgomery Reporter.

The Philadelphia, Reading and New England Railway, running from Campbell Hall to Hartford, run their freight trains in a way peculiar to themselves, coupling two or more trains together, in fact running them tandem. A train that left Maybrook on Tuesday consisted of one hundred and twenty cars, with two heavy locomotives attached, but instead of both being in front, there was but one there, and the other was placed in the middle of the train. Working it in this way this road hauls enormous trains very easily and at less expense, as but one conductor and set of brakemen is required.

The Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York.

The annual report of the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York, a summary of which is published elsewhere, ought to interest all who want absolutely safe life insurance. The business of the company for the past year shows a very large increase, and the surplus fund, from which dividends are paid to policy holders, now amounts to over \$35,000,000. The assets of the company have reached the enormous total of \$283,786,477. The company is represented in this city by A. C. Avery, district manager. T. A. Shaw, agent, room 8, Times building.

The Port Jervis Water Case.

Final arguments in the Port Jervis Water Company's case, which involves the amount of damages to be paid land owners for diverting the waters of the Sparrowbush brook were heard in Port Jervis, Thursday.

The commissioners are H. W. Wiggins and Daniel Finn, of this city, and Mayor Weston, of Newburgh.

Some Foolish People

Allow a cough to run until it gets beyond the reach of medicine. They often say, "Oh, it will wear away," but in most cases it wears them away. Could they be induced to try the successful medicine called Kemp's Balsam, which is sold on a positive guarantee to cure, they would immediately see the excellent effect after taking the first dose. Price 25c. and 50c. Trial size free. At all druggists.

Coughs That Kill

are not distinguished by any mark or sign from coughs that fail to be fatal. Any cough, neglected, may sap the strength and undermine the health until recovery is impossible. All coughs lead to lung trouble, if not stopped.

Ayer's Cherry Pectoral Cures Coughs

"My wife was suffering from a dreadful cough. We did not expect that she would long survive, but Mr. R. V. Royal, deputy surveyor, happened to be stopping with us over night, and having a bottle of Ayer's Cherry Pectoral with him, induced my wife to try this remedy. The result was so beneficial that she kept on taking it till she was cured."

R. S. HUMPHRIES, Sausy, Ga.

"My little daughter was taken with a distressing cough, which for three years defied all the remedies I tried. At length, on the urgent recommendation of a friend, I began to give her Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. After using one bottle I found to my great surprise that she was improving. Three bottles completely cured her."

J. A. GRAY, Trav. Salesman Wrought Iron Range Co., St. Louis, Mo.

Ayer's Cherry Pectoral

is put up in half-size bottles at half price—50 cents.

Generous Gift to Liberty's Episcopal Church.

The Episcopal Church, of Liberty, has received a very liberal gift, \$1,000, from Charles L. Beaumont, of Meadowbrook. Mr. Beaumont formerly resided at Liberty and took a deep interest in the organization of the church, and when it bought the building which it fitted up as a church, he took a mortgage on the church property to the amount of \$1,000. He now has cancelled the mortgage and makes the church a present of the same.

Humor in the blood.

"I had a bad humor in my blood and began taking Hood's Sarsaparilla, and in a short time I was entirely cured. I believe Hood's Sarsaparilla to be the best of blood purifiers, and I do not hesitate to recommend it to anyone suffering from impurities in the blood." Mrs. HELEN DEWEY, Box 70, Gowanda, N. Y.

HOOD'S PILLS are easy to take, easy to operate. Cure indigestion, headache

You can never plant your trees, plants, vines, etc., too early. You can plant them too late. For best results remember this good advice. As you will see our nursery is not far from you. Our stock is first class, prices are reasonable. We allow a special discount for early orders. Consider these facts, catalogues mailed free. Address T. J. Dwyer & Son Nurseries, box 4, Cornwall, N. Y.

Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup.

Always effects a cure of whooping cough, croup, and relieves the sufferer of asthma and consumption. It is the most efficacious remedy.

New for Saturday.

New Bermuda Potatoes, perhaps Strawberries, Boston Head Lettuce, Boston Hot House Cucumbers, Fresh Spinach, Radishes, Green Onions, Water Cresses, Oyster Plant, Parsley, Fresh Parsnips, Splendid Celery, Pearl Flakes, Gold Medal Hominy, Baked Flakes Wheat, Oats and Rye, Fancy Prunes, etc.

Bull & Youngblood

56 North St., Opp. Postoffice
TELEPHONE CALL 55

For a Sunday Dinner.

Strawberries, Boston Head Lettuce, Cucumbers, Green Onions, Radishes, Water Cresses, Oyster Plant, Parsley, Fresh Parsnips, Splendid Celery, Pearl Flakes, Gold Medal Hominy, Baked Flakes Wheat, Oats and Rye, Fancy Prunes, etc.

We are Also Leaders

In Fancy Groceries.

DEWEY & MUNDY,
Telephone 39. 40 North St.

Fresh Eggs 15c a Doz.

Fresh Creamery Butter 20c a pound
Fresh Elgin Butter 22c a pound.
Extra choice white fat Mackerel 12c a pound.

C. N. PRUDOMRE & SON.

THE MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEW YORK
RICHARD A. MCCURDY PRESIDENT
STATEMENT
For the year ending December 31 1897
According to the Standard of the Insurance Department of the State of New York

INCOME
Received from Premiums \$45,687,201 99
From all other sources 11,469,406 24
\$57,156,608 23

DISBURSEMENTS
To Policyholders for Claims by Death \$13,279,630 66
To Policyholders for Endowments, Dividends, etc. 12,712,424 76
For all other accounts 10,152,005 57
\$36,144,060 99

ASSETS
United States Bonds and other Securities \$132,017,341 45
First Lien Loans on Bond and Mortgage 69,423,937 81
Loans on Stocks and Bonds 12,840,309 09
Real Estate 21,615,464 86
Cash in Banks and Trust Companies 11,705,195 82
Accrued Interest, Not Deferred Premiums, etc. 6,141,200 20
\$258,786,487 66

Reserve for Policies and other Liabilities 218,278,248 07
Surplus 35,508,194 59
Insurance and Annuities in force \$253,684,466 63

I have carefully examined the foregoing Statement and find the same to be correct; liabilities calculated by the Insurance Department.

CHARLES A. PRUDOMRE Auditor

From the Surplus a dividend will be apportioned as usual

ROBERT A. GRANNISS Vice-President
WALTER R. GILLETTE General Manager
ISAAC F. LLOYD 2d Vice-President
FRANCIS C. CORWELL Treasurer
EMORY McCARTHY Actuary

C. F. & W. R. ULRICH, GENERAL AGENTS,
YONKERS, N. Y.

A. C. AVERY, SPECIAL AGENT,
MIDDLETOWN, N. Y.

ONE CENT A WORD

for each insertion. No advertisement taken for less than 10 cents.

LAUNDRESS Wanted at once at 51d3t CHILDREN'S HOME.

STILL in the Lead at DUGDALE'S Market corner West Main and Union streets. For Saturday—Fruits Lamb 6c. Low Lamb 12c. Sausage 3 for 25c. Pork Chops 3c. Plate 4c. 3 pounds Chuck Steak 25c. Round 10c. Prime Rib 12c. Porterhouse 15c. Try us. 1t

TO LET House on Royce avenue, 10 rooms and barn, suitable for two families, city water. Enquire of T. A. MARCH, 74 East av. n3t.

UNTIL the end of March, '98, I shall do shoe repairing at the following prices: Men's soles from 40c up, but 25c up, children's 30c up. I make a specialty of rubber soles. CHAS. G. SHOENAKER, 39 W. Main street.

LOWER Part of house, 69 East avenue; lower part of house, with barn, 30 Canal street; lower part of house, with barn, 208 East Main street, for rent.

Enquire of P. CUMMINGS, 100 North street, or corner East Ave. and Fulton St. 78d3t

THE Klondike isn't in it with the bargains in second-hand goods at LOEVEN'S Storage House, 21 Monhagen avenue. 78d3t

TO LET—Four rooms, first floor, in Sprague avenue. 77d3t

FREEDOM Cooking Range, size 5. Doohash grate with copper tank; Onoko cooking range, size 7, both in first-class condition; oak extension table 8 feet, all cheap at the EXCHANGE AND MART CO., No. 40 East Main street.

A UCTION—Household furniture, SATURDAY, FEB. 27th, at 1:30 p. m., at 842 North St. Wm. VANSCHACK, Auctioneer.

FOR RENT—Flat of six rooms, modern improvements, steam heat, if desired. Apply to J. H. McELROY, 157 East Main street. dFeb19,22,24,25

FINE Large Store on Main street, some other in the neighborhood, for rent from April 1st, at ridiculous low rental, suitable for any business. See THOMAS WATTS, 15 East Main street. d15,18,21,24,25

Cottage Hotel Entertainments.

WEEK OF FEB. 21.

Harry C. Perkins, original Irish Napoleon and character song and dance artist; Irene Herandez, Southern nightingale; Edith Pierson, song and dance; Laura St. Gaudens, songstress, danc. artist and whist player.

P. S. Don't forget the grand ball, Thursday night, in connection with the above show. Care leave for Middletown at 1 a. m., and Goshen at 12:20.

6 Cts. a Pound

BEST Oyster, Soda, Milk Crackers

ONLY AT SLOAT'S CASH STORE

STOCK TAKING HAS SHOWN

Us that we have too many goods in many lines. Greatly reduced prices is the only way to thin them out, so we have cut deep into prices to turn the stock into money. No woman who wants to save money can afford to miss this sale of seasonable goods. We never advertise goods we do not have. Always sell reliable goods at the lowest prices any can name.

Below we give a few of the many low prices we are giving at this clearing sale.

25 Children's Gray Mackintoshes, with full capes. Every one warranted. Every school girl should have one. Sizes 44 to 50. The regular price \$1.98. At this sale \$1.29.

16 Misses' Navy Blue Diagonal Cloth Mackintoshes, full sweep capes, the regular price was \$2.50. At this sale \$1.79.

11 Ladies' Navy and Black Diagonal Cloth Mackintoshes, full sweep capes. Former price \$3.50. As long as they last \$1.98.

16 Ladies' Navy Blue Twilled Cloth Mackintoshes, double texture, velvet collar, double capes. Every one warranted. Sold all over the world for \$5. At this sale \$3.98.

10 Ladies' Navy and Black Mackintoshes, full sweep capes. The former price was \$4. To close them out we have made the price \$2.98.

720 pairs Ladies' Black Seamless 15c Hose, "sold as seconds," high spliced heel. As long as they last 10c a pair. None sold to dealers.

27 Ladies' Odd Wrappers. Some are dark, others are very light, a few flannelette and satteens in the lot. All to go at 49c.

Ladies' Corset Covers from our special sale, at 15, 19, 25c. No such values in any other etc. re.

440 yards 10c Outing Cloth, all dainty colorings. Couldn't be bought in any wholesale house for less than 8c per yard. For this sale 6c a yd.

73 pairs Ladies' Lisle Thread Hose, in all colors and dainty stripes, plain and drop stitch. The former price was 50 and 75c. To close them out we have marked them all 25c.

Ladies' Cotton Eider Down Wrappers, extra well made, all out extra wide. Sold from \$1.98 to \$2.48. To close them out all to go at \$1.50. None exchanged.

Ladies' Flannelette Wrappers, made with box pleated back, tight fitting. Come in either navy blue, stripes or black and white polka dots. Sold all season at 98c. As long as they last 79c.

731 yards of Black Figured Sateen, in black and white and dainty colorings, all in dress lengths of 9, 10, 11 or 12 yards. The former price was 15c. To close it out all to go at 10c a yard.

600 pairs Men's Grey Mixed Seamless 10c Socks. Every man who wears such socks ought to buy a dozen—70c per dozen or 4 pairs for 25c. None sold to dealers.

Ladies' Muslin Drawers, from our special sale, at 15, 25, 39, 49c. No wonder ladies bought so many last month.

Ladies' Muslin Gowns, from our special sale, at 39, 49, 59, 79, 89, 98c., \$1.19, \$1.48. Couldn't be better made and cheaper than you can buy the material for.

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